

Conservation Strategy Policy Team

January 27, 1999

11:00am to 1pm
Resources Building
12 Floor
DFG Conference Room

Agenda

1. Update on Conservation Strategy
 - table of contents
 - conservation goals- R, r and m
 - schedule for strategy preparation

USFWS will have this ready for next Policy Team mtg

2. GIS needs

3. Staffing Needs

How much can come at Bay Delta Security?

Contract let by USFWS to Toyon for process 7 FTEs for USFWS staff

4. Schedule for Take Authorizations

- identification of stage 1 actions
- schedule for development of stage 1 action-specific conservation strategies
- identification of team to develop action-specific conservation strategy

South Delta

5. Assurances

- identification of types
- preparation assignments

6. Role of Stakeholders in the process

7. Schedule future Meetings

Bring your calendars. Be prepared to select dates for more Policy Team meetings

8. Review of decisions and assignment of action items

9. Adjournment

Feb. 12, 1999 9:30 am at USFWS

Feb. 26, 1999 9:30 am

Current list of policy issues identified by the staff Team:

- Schedule
- Budgets and funding

- Final Table of Contents for Conservation Strategy: Review Table of Contents, adopt final version at some point.
- Definitions of Species Goals: The definitions of the three goals - R, r, and m - need to be made clear as they relate to CALFED actions. R(ecovery) is unambiguous. However, defining r (contribute to recovery) and m(aintain) may involve policy decisions. These definitions need to be consistent with requirements for ecosystem enhancement under the NCCP Act. It is likely that the ERPP defines "contribute to recovery" differently than the Conservation Strategy. This difference needs to be resolved.
- Determine assurances to be included in the Conservation Strategy,
- Service-area and watershed impacts: What level of detail should be included in the Conservation Strategy?
- Scope of EIS/EIR: Should the EIS/EIR be adequate for CEQA compliance under NCCPA? If so, direct EIS/EIR staff to participate in Staff Team meetings.
- Level of involvement of Policy Team in review of portions of document as Conservation Strategy is in preparation.
- Integration of Environmental Water Account and other negotiated agreements with Conservation Strategy
- Implementation of Conservation Strategy as related to implementation of CALFED actions